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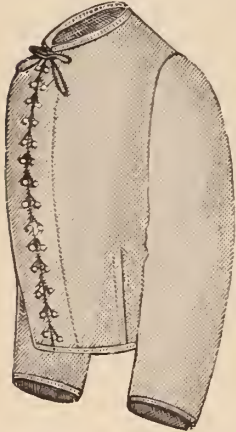
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WE are glad to learn that the financial returns from the last entertainment given by the Dramatic Association were such as to enable it to present the University Football team with sweaters. This addition to the wardrobe of our players is most acceptable, and the members of the association have the hearty thanks of all for their praiseworthy efforts in this direction. We bespeak for them the cordial support of the students in their future undertakings.

THE BURR would earnestly urge upon the students the desirability of their patronizing, so far as they can, the business houses whose names are found in our adver-

tising columns. These firms contribute largely to the support of our college journal, and surely deserve the larger share of our patronage. Business men have made the statement that to advertise with a college paper seemed to be a sure way of being entirely deprived of any patronage whatever. This certainly should not be the case, and we confidently hope that no such assertion can be truthfully made in regard to the custom at Lehigh.

THE absence of any Church society at Lehigh, a college so distinctively under the auspices of the Episcopal Church, has in the past been a matter of regret to many of our students who have come here from well-organized parishes. In consequence of this, many have connected themselves with one of the parishes in town. Such will doubtless be glad to learn that active measures are being taken to form a Church Guild, which will consist principally of communicants of the Church and all others who are desirous of reaping the benefits which will naturally follow from such a union.

The organization of the society is not yet completed, and the exact position which it will occupy as a factor in our college life cannot be definitely stated. The effort now being made should meet with the success which it deserves, and it undoubtedly will, if the sympathy of all is with those who have undertaken this work.

ONE of the most important uses of a college journal is to furnish a medium through which the students and alumni may give expression to opinions about college matters and make whatever criticisms and suggestions they may deem advisable. To this end THE BURR, as stated heretofore, would most cordially invite communications from all concerned. The work of the members of the

Editorial Board should consist as much in collecting and publishing the opinions of the students in general about matters pertaining to college affairs as in giving vent to their own ideas. There is no reason why our college paper should not be one of the best, provided that the students take a proper interest in maintaining it. This hearty support of all is essential to the successful carrying on of our paper, and we sincerely hope there will be no further necessity of calling attention to this fact.

**F**OOT-BALL is booming. The results of the games played during the past four weeks have, with a single exception, been most satisfactory to the wearers of the brown and white. The class championship games have been a decided success, while the almost daily contests that are occurring between the various schools and sections in the different classes, are developing a knowledge and skill that can be relied upon when occasion demands. The natural result of all this is that our standard of playing is much higher than ever before. In time past a willingness to play seemed to be almost the only requisite for a position on the college team, but now a candidate must also prove his ability to play a good game. This shows an advance in the science of foot-ball at Lehigh, which is highly satisfactory. We should just like to remark on the fact that those players who have been the most faithful in their daily practice on the field are the men who are carrying off all the laurels. This is the legitimate outcome of constant training.

**T**HE other day we were shown the cup offered by Mr. E. D. Whetford for the class championship in foot-ball. By the conditions under which it was given, each class that wins the championship for a year is to have its name engraved on the cup, and if for three successive years is to have permanent possession of the trophy. The cup is to be known as the Whetford cup. It is very beautiful in design, and will be a much coveted

prize. Mr. Whetford has the hearty thanks of the students whose thorough appreciation of his liberality is shown in his large and constantly increasing business.

Now that we possess this trophy, with the probability of having more in the near future, arises the question as to where is a suitable place for keeping such things. Various places have been proposed, among which the Gymnasium seems the most appropriate. The space in the gallery, west of the running track, is at present unoccupied and would serve excellently the purpose of a trophy room. We understand that before long the Athletic Association intend to place here also an Athletic Record Board. The place is always accessible to visitors, and if devoted to these uses would in time prove one of the most interesting spots about the University.

**O**UR singing in chapel at Sunday services has excited considerable unfavorable comment in time past and still continues to torture the ears of those compelled to listen to it. Usually in colleges the singing of the students is one of the most pleasing features of the Sunday services, and people often come a considerable distance to hear and enjoy it. At our services, however, we do not think that we exaggerate when we say that the singing is such as would cause town people to stay away.

We think that there are various causes for this state of affairs. In the first place, there are not nearly enough hymn books to go around. Many have gone through the experience of desperately hunting around for one after taking a seat, only to get none. Prayer books are plenty, but of hymn books there is about one book to five students. Or if one is fortunate enough to secure a book he has no idea as to the tune to be sung. We can not see why an adequate supply of both hymn and tune books should not be furnished. Another reason is that the students have no training in this line. All other colleges have singing at morning chapel and we think that this might

be brought about here and thus afford the much needed practice.

One thing that does not seem just right is that some of our best singers should be drawn away from college to sing in the various churches about town. When we go to hear our glee club we are almost surprised to find that we have such musical talent amongst us. Is it any more than right that we should expect that our best singers should take part in the college work and make this feature what it should be.

The leader of the choir is deserving of great commendation for his efforts in this direction, but he can do nothing if his efforts are not heartily seconded by our best singers. This state of affairs certainly can be improved by the efforts of those concerned.

FOR several years the question of compulsory attendance at religious services has been discussed by those in whose power it lies to make the attendance voluntary. The conclusions reached have been widely different. Among the students themselves, there are many shades of opinion; but even those who argue that to make the attendance voluntary would result disastrously, admit that the innate perverseness of their nature revolts against the idea of compulsion. The question is an open one, and in several of the prominent colleges of the land the experiment is being tried. Time enough has not yet elapsed for us to prophesy with any certainty whether the trial will prove the plan of voluntary attendance a success or not, but it is certain that the feeling is rapidly gaining ground among the students at Lehigh, as well as at many of our sister colleges, that a change should be made and that greater license should be granted.

Many have been watching with the closest attention and the keenest interest the experiment which has resulted so successfully this term, of inviting different clergymen to officiate at the Sunday services held in the University Chapel. As long as the attendance is compulsory, there will always be more or less dis-

content. The problem for those in authority should be to make this required attendance as little obnoxious as possible. We feel confident—and the increased interest which has been so plainly manifested is ample proof—that, by the permanent adoption of some such plan as that which has been followed for the past few months, a result can be reached which will be only less satisfactory to the students than the abolition of the present system of incurring three absences by non-attendance. The success which has accompanied similar plans adopted in several other colleges, notably among them Cornell, is a strong argument in its favor.

It is worthy of remark that no communications have been received referring to this question. This is probably due to the fact that Lehigh is liberal to her sons in so many respects that it would appear ungracious to reproach her with illiberality in this one. No harm can arise from a fair and thoughtful consideration of this question, which is one of greater importance, and which has a deeper significance, than many who are interested in the growth and prosperity of our University have attributed to it.

#### A RONDEAU.

TO MY MISTRESS' EYEBROW.

"And then the lover \* \* \* \* with a woeful ballad  
made to his mistress' eyebrow." *As You Like It.*

WHAT though the English bard has  
laughed

At ballad by the lover daft,  
Unto his mistress' eyebrow penned,  
My humble lay I'll ne'er suspend.  
But if that feature's really fine,  
Penciled in black, a dainty line  
Upon a ground of purest white,  
Shading an eye so glancing bright  
That I, whene'er its beams but fall  
Upon my back, e'en through a wall,  
Am straightway drawn thro' wood and stone  
To gaze on her and her alone,  
I'll try to hand it down to fame,  
Perchance, to make myself a name,  
And now, (since but four lines remain  
To end a theme so aptly ta'en,)  
I close by asking Herr and Frau  
To picture to *themselves* that brow.

## THE AGORA.

SINCE the disorganization of the old Literary Society, which for a long time had a nominal existence in the Register, the several attempts made to establish new societies or to resuscitate old ones, have met with little success. The Athenæum, a Sophomore literary society, has thus far been a credit to the class by which it was originated, and for the future its prospects are excellent. The Agora has come, not to antagonize or supplant the Athenæum, but to supply to the school of General Literature a society of its own.

Members are chosen exclusively from those who are taking one of the literary courses. Regular meetings are held semi-monthly during the collegiate year, except in the months of December and June. Three sets of officers are elected during the year. The officers for the present term are: H. S. Fisher, president; A. G. Rau, vice-president; Wm. L. Neill, secretary and treasurer; M. H. Fehnel, censor.

## PLATO SPEAKS.

THE Library, with its warm and well-lighted interior, on this cold November evening is nevertheless almost deserted. Here and there is an occasional reader, buried deep in his book and uninterrupted in his occupation. The only sounds heard are the occasional rustling of paper and the tick of the faithful old clock which, at the usual intervals of sixty minutes, announces the hours in its characteristic wheezy tone.

In that alcove, at whose head the bust of Plato is enthroned in simple majesty, sits Mr. Periwinkle Post, completely enwrapped in an intricate novel of a popular author of the day. Now Periwinkle is one of those very excitable and imaginative fellows, whose souls enter right into anything they read, especially if that be at all sensational. Such a one the book he is now engrossed in seems to be, for as his eyes travel along the lines, the plot all the time deepening, they gradually open wider

and wider, assuming a most ravenous look as if unable to await the outcome.

Nothing occurs to disturb him. His whole expression now is curious, at one moment full of admiration for the brave fellow who allows himself to be led to execution for a crime committed by another, at the next full of anger and contempt toward the heartless villain in whose power it lies to set the hero free.

It is the last chapter. As it progresses, his face beams with expectancy. How will it end? Ah! surely the villain can not marry the heroine; his real character must be exposed. But now a new *dramatis persona* appears on the scene; a new phase is given to the situation. Periwinkle is completely mystified. Presently, some new developments appearing, a look of horror steals over his face. His heart begins to beat faster and faster. The villain is about to be unmasked. The story of his crime is outing. Its horrible details take Periwinkle's breath away. His nerves are strung at such a high tension that the slightest sound would overthrow his equilibrium. It comes—and as it were from the lips of Plato just above him, clear and distinct, with a most vengeful accent:

"S—s—scat!"

As a timid deer who, when drinking his full at a cool spring, hears a lion's roar in the neighboring jungle, flies away with the speed of the wind; so Periwinkle, whose nerves, high-strung as they were at that particular moment, had received such a violent shock, leaps with a mighty bound from his chair and betakes himself off in precipitous flight.

In a moment, from the corner of the alcove next to that in which Periwinkle sat, emerges Mr. Tom. Tracey, his face very red, as if he had just indulged in an almost uncontrollable fit of laughter. It might not be amiss to say that Mr. Tracey, besides being a young gentleman who is always on the lookout for some means of gratifying his sense of the ludicrous, is also something of a ventriloquist.

RALPH GARDNER.

## HIS ROSTER.

I T was on our college campus  
 That I met a youth forlorn,  
 As one who through a rolling mill  
 Had been that self same morn.  
 I naturally inquired  
 What it was that grieved him so,  
 And in answer to my queries  
 He told this tale of woe:  
 "It was at a recitation,  
 And I ventured to suggest  
 That we could not get the lessons  
 Though we did our level best,  
 And the Prof., as often happens,  
 Laughed to scorn my humble plea.  
 And he said, 'The time is ample  
 For the work you have with me.'  
 "Then, eager to convince him  
 That my complaint was just,  
 My hand into my pocket  
 I hastily did thrust,  
 And pulling forth my roster,  
 (For so it seemed to me,)  
 I laid it down before him  
 That its statement he might see.  
 "But a change came o'er his features  
 Which filled me with surprise,  
 For his brow grew dark as thunder  
 And fire flashed from his eyes.  
 I took the bit of pasteboard,  
 Wondering what could be amiss;  
 Imagine, pray, my feelings.  
 When my eye was met by this:"

+ I AM SOMEWHAT OF A LIAR MYSELF. +

## WILL HE GET THE PRIZE?

VERY late the other evening I chanced to be passing the house wherein boards my friend, Joe Darnley. A light in his room indicating that he had not yet retired, and Joe not being a fellow who delights in staying up late if only the preparation of his lessons for the next day prevents his going to bed, with some curiosity I went up to his room and found him seated at his desk, surveying with a look of supreme satisfaction a small pile of manuscript, which he had evidently just finished copying.

"Well, I declare, Ralph Gardner, you're the very individual I wanted to see," said Joe, the

moment I entered. "Take off your overcoat and sit down; I have something to read you"—and here he looked affectionately at his little pile of manuscript—"and I tremble for your decision on it," he added pleasantly.

Inasmuch as Joe trembled for my decision on it, I could do nothing else than take off my overcoat, take a chair and assume the most interested look I was capable of. Joe continued:

"I have taken it into my head to make an attempt for that prize which THE BURR has offered for the best contribution in the shape of a story. I have actually been working all this afternoon and evening, and I want you to pass judgment on the result."

After I had assured him that if THE BURR board ever learned that he had actually spent an afternoon and evening on the story, there would be no doubt but that he would receive the prize, and after I had greatly thanked him for having done me such an honor as to ask my opinion on his production, he commenced:

Some years ago, at one of our eastern colleges, the old adage, "Extremes will meet," was somewhat strikingly exemplified, from a collegiate point of view at least, when Augustus Webster, a Senior, took into his comfortable rooms in the main dormitory, Fred. Lyon, an exceptionally young Freshman, a bright, handsome youngster, to whom he had become very much attached. In consequence, Augustus bore the brunt of many sarcastic remarks from his classmates, but they soon desisted when Fred. became better known to them, for this decidedly interesting and genial young person quickly became an immense favorite with the whole college.

But the effect of being on intimate terms with this little chap seemed to be very beneficial to Augustus. Up to this time in his college life, he had been rather a fast fellow; but now he instinctively reformed, feeling that to set a bad example to his *protégé*, who looked to him as a sort of natural protector, would be, to say the least, unmanly.

Hence it was that he felt no great blame could be laid at his door in consequence of a certain occurrence one Fall evening. He had come in about eleven o'clock, after a celebration over some athletic victory, and was somewhat surprised to find that Fred. was still out. He waited patiently and then, as he had not yet returned, was about to start out and hunt him up, when he heard footsteps coming along the hall. The door of his room was opened, and Fred was brought in. Facts compel the statement that he was in that condition where he could with perfect consistency ask, in the words of Horace :

*"Quo me, Bacche, rapis tui Plenum?"*

"Whither, Bacchus, art thou taking me full of thy influence?"

But I regret that he was indeed so full of Bacchus that his mind was in no condition to think of Latin quotations in order to render the occasion at all classic in its character. In fact the only things approaching to quotations and used during the process of putting Fred. to bed were certain well-known epithets with which Augustus complimented those who had succeeded in bringing Fred. to his present helpless condition.

The next morning Augustus gave his chum a severe lecture—in fact so severe that he afterwards wondered how he, no saint himself, could have summoned enough courage to administer it. But he was hopeful that this, together with the aching head and all the results of the previous evening's experience, would be sufficient to deter Fred. from any further experiments in the line in which he had made such a successful beginning.

But he was disappointed. His lecture fell flat. After several repetitions of that evening's performance, Augustus grew warm and determined that the thing must be stopped. He conjured up a plan by which he hoped this might be effected, and secured as allies a couple of his classmates, who, if they were not influenced by any other motive than to have

some fun, at any rate proved themselves to be very faithful.

At length, one evening, Augustus received information that Fred. was likely to return home in such a condition as would afford an opportunity to try the efficacy of his plan. So, calling in his two allies, they put everything in readiness. It was very late when Fred. was heard coming along the hall; and the unsteadiness of his gait indicated that he was, to speak metaphorically, considerably loaded. But this, strange to say, was just what Augustus and company wanted.

The inky darkness of the room Fred. enters is relieved only by the straggling rays from a dark lantern in one corner, but these are sufficient to enable him to see devils—devils everywhere—whose number Fred.'s excited brain magnifies until they seem to fill the room. They point and grin at him; they make the most violent motions as if to seize and tear him into a thousand pieces. And now a ghost! Grim and terrible, it comes toward him with a slow, gliding motion. He recoils. But there behind him is a great monster with green eyes and long shaggy hair. And now the devils approach again, a thousand times as many as before. The ghosts and monsters increase in number and they are all gradually closing in on him, the devils indulging in their frantic contortions, the ghosts reaching toward him with their long, bony fingers and the monsters shooting forth darts of fire from their glistening eyes. The poor boy can stand it no longer. He must get away! He makes a desperate effort to escape their lines; but they rush at him with such deafening yells that his blood stands still in his veins. The strain is too much. He reels and falls in a dead faint.

\* \* \* \* \*

It is late the next afternoon. The doctor coming out from Fred's room assures Augustus that the patient is much improved, but still very weak. Augustus enters, and going over to the bed, sits down on it with as sad an ex-

pression as he can command. "How do you feel?" he asks Fred.

"Very much better, thank you, Gus."

"Is there anything I can do for you?"

After a long pause and in a slightly tremulous tone, the reply comes:

"Don't tell any one I've had delirium-tremens."

Augustus didn't say anything. He could not. He was by this time walking across the room, wearing a broader grin than had illuminated his features for some time.

As after events proved, his plan had succeeded to perfection.

When Joe finished reading his story, I congratulated him on its excellence, assuring him that it would certainly create a stir in the literary world on account of its wonderful plot, fine climax, and so forth. I also fired him with ambition to write again, telling him that one who could work up such an excellent story should not stop with receiving a paltry prize, but keep on until he found himself occupying an editorial chair in the sanctum of THE BURR.

#### ODE TO THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY.

Nov. 24th, 1886.

OH princely bird, that struttest now so proud,  
With comb of fire, among the admiring crowd

Of humbler fowls, who gaze with envious eye  
Upon the glory of thy majesty,  
Thou thy lament, ere many days be past,  
With Wolsey, thy great prototype, shall cast,  
And bid to all thy greatness long farewell.

Already tolls thy dismal funeral knell,  
For soon, too soon, shall come the killing frost  
Nipping thy root.

Thou, to the barnyard lost,  
Sans head, sans plumes, sans everything in fact,  
With crackling crust, with oysters neatly packed,  
Shalt grace the table of some stately dame,  
Thine advent hailed with loud and long acclaim.

—Dr. Coppée has delivered two lectures to the Junior class on Shakspeare's "The Merchant of Venice" and "King Lear." The Junior's are loud in their praises, particularly of the one on "King Lear."

#### FOOT-BALL.



ON Saturday afternoon, October 30, the first of the two games with Stevens Institute was played at Hoboken, by the following teams:

| STEVENS.       |   |          | LEHIGH.   |   |                 |
|----------------|---|----------|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Reid,          | } | Rushers. | Polk,     | } | Ely.            |
| Phelps,        |   |          | Palmer,   |   |                 |
| Taylor,        |   |          | LaDoo,    |   |                 |
| Firestone,     |   |          | Davis,    |   |                 |
| Hart, Captain, |   |          | Wetzel,   |   |                 |
| Drummond,      | } | Quarter. | Lee,      | } | Bradford, Capt. |
| Christfield.   |   |          | Corbin.   |   |                 |
| Lopez.         | - | -        | -         | - | -               |
| Campbell,      | } | Halfs.   | Lewis,    | } | Phillips.       |
| Kuntz.         |   |          | Phillips. |   |                 |
| Uhlenhart.     | - | -        | -         | - | -               |
| o - - - Score. |   |          | - - - o   |   |                 |

Referee, Mr. V. Aldrich, Syracuse.

Considering the fact that the Lehigh team played with five substitutes, the game was a very satisfactory one. Bradford and Ely played their usual fine game, and all of the substitutes played remarkably well, thus proving that we have plenty of excellent material to draw from in time of need.

Nov. 6, the first game with Lafayette was played at Easton. The teams representing the two colleges were as follows:

| LAFAYETTE.       |   |          | LEHIGH.        |   |              |
|------------------|---|----------|----------------|---|--------------|
| Beatty,          | } | Rushers. | Williams,      | } | Ely.         |
| Cumings,         |   |          | Davis,         |   |              |
| Rohrbach,        |   |          | LaDoo,         |   |              |
| Williams,        |   |          | Pierce, Capt., |   |              |
| Harry,           |   |          | Palmer,        |   |              |
| Gutelius, Capt., | } | Quarter. | Lee,           | } | Bradford.    |
| Overton.         |   |          | Kittrell.      |   |              |
| Krick.           | - | -        | -              | - | -            |
| Young,           | } | Halfs.   | Howard,        | } | Butterworth. |
| Payne.           |   |          | Butterworth.   |   |              |
| McIlvain.        | - | -        | -              | - | -            |
| 12 - - - Score.  |   |          | - - - o        |   |              |

Referee, Mr. F. H. Knorr, Lehigh.

The game was called after twenty minutes of the second half had been played, on account of a heavy rain storm, with the score standing as above. Krick, Young, and Beatty did the best playing for Lafayette. The wretched fumbling on the part of our backs was, without doubt, what cost us the game. Williams played an excellent game as end rush, while Ely's tackling was remarkably well done. It was unfortunate that the game had to be stopped so soon, for the amount of time remaining made it doubtful as to what the final result might have been.

Saturday afternoon, Nov. 13, the return game with Stevens Institute was played on our own grounds between the teams given below:

| STEVENS.       |   |          |          | LEHIGH.        |      |           |  |
|----------------|---|----------|----------|----------------|------|-----------|--|
| Phelps,        | } | Rushers. | }        | Williams,      |      |           |  |
| Taylor,        |   |          |          | Davis,         |      |           |  |
| Firestone,     |   |          |          | LaDoo,         |      |           |  |
| Ferris,        |   |          |          | Pierce, Capt., |      |           |  |
| Hart, Captain, |   |          |          | Palmer,        |      |           |  |
| Drummond.      |   |          |          | Lee,           |      |           |  |
| Reid,          |   |          |          | Wetzel.        |      |           |  |
| Lopez.         | - |          | Quarter. | -              | Ely. |           |  |
| Kuntz,         | } | -        | Halfs.   | -              | }    | Long,     |  |
| Woertz.        |   |          |          |                |      | Bradford. |  |
| Campbell.      | - | Full.    | -        | Howard.        |      |           |  |
| 0              | - | Score.   | -        | -              | -    | 14        |  |

Referee, Mr. E. P. Swift, Univ. of Penna.

The Stevens team played a very loose game throughout, though Kuntz' running and Campbell's punting were very fine. Our whole rush-line played up sharp, protecting the backs as well as could be desired. All the points made were scored during the first half of the game, and in spite of a very high wind in their favor during the second half Stevens failed to tally against our team, the ball being in their half of the field most of the time. To Bradford and Long belongs the credit of doing some of the most brilliant playing ever seen on our grounds. The game was played unusually hard throughout, but was characterized by the utmost good feeling on the part of both teams.

#### CLASS FOOT-BALL.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, the final game for the

class championship was played. This was between the Juniors and Sophomores. The teams were as follows:

| '88.                            |   |          | '89.   |                |                |          |
|---------------------------------|---|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Burkhardt,                      | { | Rushers. | {      | Long,          | }              |          |
| Lee,                            |   |          |        | Corbin, Capt., |                |          |
| Wetzel,                         |   |          |        | Ayres,         |                |          |
| Davis,                          |   |          |        | Johnston,      |                |          |
| Miner,                          |   |          |        | Dougherty,     |                |          |
| Palmer,                         |   |          |        | Throop,        |                |          |
| Bates.                          |   |          |        | Walker.        |                |          |
| Cornelius.                      | - | Quarter. | -      | Cornelius.     |                |          |
| Phillips,                       | ) | -        | Halfs. | -              | { Butterworth, |          |
| Rickert.                        | ) |          |        |                | { Schwartz.    |          |
| Bradford, Capt.                 | - | -        | Full.  | -              | -              | Stewart. |
| 28                              | - | -        | Score. | -              | -              | 0        |
| Referee, Mr. W. R. Pierce, '87. |   |          |        |                |                |          |

This closes the series of class games for this year, and gives to '88 the honor of having their names first on the championship cup. Hard work and constant practice have brought to the Junior team this victory, and they are to be congratulated on their success.

#### COMMUNICATION.

[The editors are not responsible for any opinions expressed in this column.]

EDITORS LEHIGH BURR:—Every student recognizes the utility of the railway blank at present issued by the University through the medium of the class presidents; but it is this very manner of dissemination which has caused universal dissatisfaction ever since the duty was taken from the janitor. It would be natural to suppose that one of these blanks could be more readily obtained from any one of four men than from but one person. Yet there is the rub, the one man from whom you should get your blank cannot always be found at one place like the janitor, and it is a most annoying fact that whenever a student wants a blank he is compelled to institute a search for his class president, who may be anywhere within the precincts of the College or he may be at his University residence; and should you fail to find him "at home," which is more than likely, you can proceed to turn yourself into a detective agency and traverse the greater part of the Bethlehems in your efforts to find him.

By this time you have missed the train which it was your intention to take, and while you wait for the next the thought strikes you that you might get a blank from one of the other class presidents. You proceed to hunt one up, and being more successful than before you have chance to meet one, but from him you learn that he "hasn't any with him," "very sorry, would willingly accommodate you, but can't do it." You continue your search and as a last resort you ask each of your class-mates whom you chance to meet, whether they have a stray blank about them, and you are forced to answer numerous questions concerning your destination, and receive a variety of answers, but no blank. So after being subjected to all this annoyance you find that if you wish to catch the last train you must go without the much sought after blank. You eventually do go without it and in no pleasant frame of mind, believing the railroad blank a kind of *ignis fatuus*, which you can never secure when you want it.

This picture has not been overdrawn and there is not the least doubt in my mind but that a majority of the students will concur with me in the assertion that the present system of distributing the railroad blanks is anything but satisfactory. Now, having pointed out the defects, let me suggest a remedy. All the certificates or blanks are numbered, and I believe it is the duty of the class presidents to charge up this number against the name of the student receiving it. Now much trouble and annoyance could be avoided if, at the beginning of each term, each student were supplied with a certain number of blanks all properly numbered and signed and the numbers charged against him. None could abuse the privilege, the same result would be reached, sparing the annoyance, and the student could use his blanks when needed.

A SUFFERER.

—The University of Georgia has published an annual called the *Pandora*. This is the second Southern college which has published one, the other one being the *Cap and Gown* of the University of the South.

## DE ALUMNIS.

[Contributions to this department are solicited.]

'76.—Chas. W. Macfarlane, C.E., is superintendent of the foundry of Wm. Sellers & Co., Philadelphia.

'76.—Thos. W. Frederick, M.E., whose death was mentioned last month, when appointed master mechanic of the Buffalo division of the West Shore road, was the youngest master mechanic in the country, and the youngest who has ever held that position.

'78.—Milnor B. Paret, C.E., has for some time past been in charge of the construction of the Reading & Pottsville branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Hamburg, Pa. Mr. Paret, we are glad to hear has lately been promoted to the position of division engineer on a branch of the same road. He is now stationed at Cincinnati, O.

'84.—Lewis B. Semp'e, B.A., has engaged in business with his brother at Lancaster, Pa. He not only won the Wilbur Scholarship, but also was salutatorian of his class.

'85.—D. K. Nicholson, M.E., is now assistant superintendent of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's rolling and blooming mills at Steelton, Pa.

'85.—Felix Freyhold, C.E., is engaged on the New York State survey. The headquarters of Mr. Freyhold are at Albany, N.Y. His strength was felt on the '85 tug-of-war team.

'85.—Irving A. Heikes, B.M., E.M., valedictorian of his class and also an editor of the *Engineering Journal*, is engaged in business at Harrisville, Lewis county, N.Y. Mr. Heikes was the first base-ball manager under the new Athletic committee. In his Sophomore and Junior year his class standing was second. He also received an election to Tau Beta Pi.

'86.—A. Stoughton Ross, M.E., is employed at the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company's works in Philadelphia.

'86.—M. A. DeWolfe Howe, Jr., B.A., has published a poem in the *Harvard Advocate*, which has attracted considerable attention.

—Some of the Books received at the Library during the month:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| San Marcos: Partie Detail Mosaiques. Five Portfolios.         | Student Life in Amherst College.            |
| Pictorial Japan.  | Prehistoric Races. Foster.                  |
| Stanley's Congo.  | Tales and Traditions Westall.               |
| Benet's Balestic Pendulum.                                    | Narrative of Andersonville.                 |
| Dahlgren's Mines of Mexico.                                   | The Arowak Language.                        |
| Sauxere's Electric Lighting.                                  | Letters of Beethoven.                       |
| D'Amboisson's Hydraulics. (Rare)                              | Miscellaneous Poems. Wycherly.              |
| Mitson's English Conchology.                                  | Primeval Antiquities of Denmark.            |
| Japp's German Life.   | New Testament. Tyndall.                     |
| Skarbes' Egypt.   | Weather Folk Lore. Swanson.                 |
| Abbott's Civil War.   | Old Norse Fairy Tales. Stephens.            |
| Vol. X. Rome. Edition de Luxe.                                | Secret History of San Domingo.              |
| Victor Dourney.   | The Norsemen. Sinding.                      |
| Tales from the Arabic. Payne.                                 | Clark's Shakspearean Key.                   |
| Ruskin's Modern Painters.                                     | Shakspeare. New Variorum Key, 1828.         |
| Grant's Memoirs.  | Shakspeare. First Collection Edition, 1783. |
| History of the Unitas Fratrum.                                | Shakspeare Comedies, 1788.                  |
| The War between Great Britain & the United States. Auchmulck. | Morte D'Arthur. Malery.                     |
| Novis Orbis. India Occident. De Lact.                         | The Gypsies. Leland.                        |
| Gowen's Argument in the Molly Maguire Case.                   | King Arthur and his Knights.                |
| Kehoe and the Molly Maguires.                                 | Complete Works of Herrick.                  |
| Researches in Nicaragua.                                      | Hajji Baba's Adventures.                    |
| Souvenirs Numismatiques.                                      | Archæological Survey of India.              |
| Anglo-Gallic Coins. Du Carrell.                               | Annals and Antiquities of Rayast'hau. Tod   |



THE POETRY OF FOOT-BALL.

*Howell Davis*

## KERNELS.

—A large number of Juniors have joined the Engineering Society.

—H. Wadleigh, '90, has been made manager of the '90 foot-ball team.

—The Rt. Rev. N. S. Rulison preached in chapel on Sunday, Nov. 7th.

—The Philadelphia *Sunday Press* of Nov. 7th, has a great many Lehigh notes in it, mentioning among other things the Mustard and Cheese Dramatic Club.

—J. M. Howard, '87, and L. R. Zollinger, '88, were delegates to the Delta Upsilon Convention.

—A number of valuable books have been added to the Library. We give a list of them elsewhere.

—The Junior and Senior Mechanicals complain loudly that it is unfair to send them on shop visits on Saturday.

—Those enterprising men who sold Lehigh colors on the day of the Lehigh-Lafayette foot-ball match, drove a good trade.

—R. H. Davis, '86, has written a story for *St. Nicholas* called "Richard Carr's Baby." It has been highly praised by the critics.

—It is to be hoped that the prizes offered by THE BURR will awaken some of the literary talent now dormant in the college.

—The Photographic Laboratory is still closed, although a number of students have signified their intention of taking the course.

—L. P. Gaston, '88, has been elected to membership in the Mining Engineering Club. He is the only man in '88 upon whom this honor has been conferred.

—After the crowds we have been accustomed to see in the Qualitative Laboratory, the few Sophomores who are working in them, give the place a deserted look.

—About three hundred and fifty students went to Easton to see the Lafayette-Lehigh game. The Lehigh Valley Railroad furnished them with a special train.

—The examination on the theory of Crystallography was held on Nov. 1st, and the Juniors are now engaged in practical work, under the guidance of Mr. Petersen.

—There is no reason why class suppers should not be held every year of the college course of each class, and we are glad to hear that the Junior's are talking of having an extra one.

—The return game of foot-ball with Dickinson was cancelled by them, on account of the sad death of Garrison. We are sorry to see that no game has been arranged with Rutgers.

—The Freshman class have done remarkably well in the re-examinations in Mathematics. At the examination held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, all passed in algebra and geometry, and only one failed in arithmetic.

—W. R. Pierce, '87, refereed the game of foot-ball between the Sophomore and Freshman classes of Cor-

nell. The game was quite exciting, both captains being knocked senseless during the first half. It resulted in a draw, however, the score standing 9-9. The game was to have decided the question as to whether the Freshmen should carry canes or not. An attempt to play off the tie, on Nov. 20, resulted in another tie, the score being 6-6.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

COMMENTS.—Several college journals have lately made mention of "The Judge's Story" in the September number of THE BURR. From the tone of these articles it is inferred that in certain college circles the story was new and was appreciated for what it was worth; in others that it was not then heard of for the first time. The writer of it received the facts of the case from an old gentleman who was at the University of Vermont many years ago, and it was supposed to have occurred there. The story was not known at Lehigh, and inasmuch as THE BURR is mainly for the benefit of Lehigh students, certain of our esteemed contemporaries inclined to the contrary notwithstanding, it was deemed worthy of publication.

By this we hope to free ourselves from the charge of plagiarism perferred by the *Concordensis*. Although under obligations to the *Richmond Messenger* for the general notice given THE BURR, we must assure it of our belief that such things as "The Judge's Story" are oftentimes a little more refreshing to the main body of college students, in their arduous mental labors, than such articles as "Universal Suffrage," "The New South," "The Literature of the Nineteenth Century," "Monuments Idealized," and the like.

The *Messenger* states that it is one of the purposes of THE BURR, expressed in the opening editorial of the volume, "to assist other college journals, as far as it can, by candid and kindly criticism." Thanks for the information. THE BURR rarely criticises its contemporaries; but, when it does, it takes in consideration two facts at least which the *Messenger* has evidently lost sight of—that the traditions and yarns prevalent at different institutions are, in the majority of cases, entirely distinct and often are not known outside of of their own sphere; and that, when there may be ground for a criticism, it should be done in connected logical phrases.

Our enterprising and wide-awake contemporary, the *Muhlenberg Monthly*, publishes in its October number a clipping from THE BURR of last February. This shows the truth of the proverb that "True merit is always appreciated in the long run!"

The celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Harvard was an event which excited a great deal of interest, and may be regarded as a perfect success. It lasted four days—from Friday, the 5th, to Monday, the 9th of November—the exercises for each day being in charge respectively of the Law School, the Undergraduates, the Clergy connected with different colleges, and the Alumni. The last was the great day of the celebration. President Cleveland was present; James Russell Lowell delivered the oration, and Oliver Wendell Holmes read a poem appropriate to the occasion. Nearly 3,000 graduates were present.

Yale has been changed from a college to a university. This does not imply any immediate change of importance in the system, as Yale has been for several years

more like a university than a college. But the change shows the direction in which the present administration is working. President Dwight is the representative of this "university idea," and the change of name shows his determination to carry it out as far as possible. It will, however, doubtless cause considerable disappointment, not only to Yale men, but also to members of other institutions which they fondly regarded as universities, to learn, on the authority of the *Chronicle*, that "Michigan is, strictly speaking, the only university in the country."

The *Pennsylvanian* offers a gold medal to be presented to the man who scores the first point against Harvard on Thanksgiving day.—The average weight of the Princeton eleven is 170 lbs.; of the Harvard, 167 lbs., and of the Yale, 167 lbs.—The trustees of Amherst College have recommended that the number of students be limited to 300.—The Inter-Collegiate Press Association, formed by the *Harvard Crimson*, (daily,) the *Yale News*, (daily,) and the *Princetonian*, (tri-weekly,) will be of great advantage to the members of the colleges by which these papers are published. The terms of agreement provide, among other things, for the telegraphing of any important news from one paper to the other two.—A Prohibition paper, called the *Princeton Record*, has been started at Princeton.—Fifty years ago, a fine of ten dollars was imposed upon every Harvard student who was caught attending any theatre in Boston.—A game of foot-ball was recently played at Göttingen, Germany, between a team composed of English and American students and a team of Germans. The former won by a score of 16 to 0.—The Yale Freshman have subscribed \$300 for their foot-ball team.—The *Yale Courant* complains of the character of the Sunday service as now existing at Yale.—The *New Haven News* asserts that Yale is about to establish an annex for women, and that a number of them are being instructed by some of the professors, for which they pay a regular tuition fee.—A college regulation at Madison prohibits marriage during the college course.—In the first game of the New England Inter-Collegiate series, Williams defeated Tufts by a score of 61 to 0.—It is reported that the Princeton foot-ball team are taking lessons in boxing.—Cornell will not confer honorary degrees in the future.—Oxford (Eng.) University has appliances for printing in 150 languages.—President Cleveland has declined the degree LL.D., offered by Harvard.—The student's rooms at Brown were entered by the Faculty and every tin horn taken.

#### CLIPPINGS.

TALENTED SENIOR—"Pardon me, Miss Budd, is it true that you are engaged to my classmate, Charley Howard?"

Miss Budd—"That's rather a pointed question."

T. S.—"Excuse my asking, but I am historian of our class, and I am getting all the gossip on the fellows that I can."—*Life*.

PROFESSOR—Are you prepared this morning, Mr. —?

Senior—Yes, sir; kind of prepared.

Prof.—Please explain what you mean by "kind of prepared?"

Senior—Well, I thought that between myself and yourself we might make a recitation.

Prof.—That will do, sir.—*Targum*.

#### AN ELECTIVE COURSE.

THE bloom that lies on Fanny's cheek  
Is all my Latin, all my Greek;  
The only science that I know  
Are frowns that gloom and smiles that glow.  
Siberia and Italy  
Lie in her sweet geography;  
No scholarship have I but such  
As teaches me to love her much.  
Why should I strive to read the skies,  
Who know the midnight of her eyes?  
No stars that swim within the scope  
Of Pickering's best telescope,  
Ever reveals so much as when  
She stares and drops her eyes again.  
Graybeards, who seek to bridge the chasm  
'Twixt man to-day and protoplasm,  
How trivial your claims appear;  
Enough for me that Fanny's here.  
Linnaeus, avant ! I only care  
To know what flower she wants to wear.  
I leave it to the addle-pated  
To guess how pinks originated;  
As if that mattered ! The chief thing  
Is that we have them in the spring;  
And Fanny likes them. When they come,  
I straightway go and purchase some.  
"The Origin of Plants"—go to !  
Their proper end I have in view.  
O loveliest book that ever man  
Looked into since the world began  
Is woman ! As I turn those pages,  
As fresh as in the primal ages,  
As day by day I scan, perplexed,  
The ever subtly changing text,  
I feel that I am slowly growing  
To think no other book worth knowing.  
And in my copy, one of many  
(Editions called Fanny.)  
I find no thing set down but such  
As teaches me to love her much.

—*T. B. Aldrich, in Harper's.*

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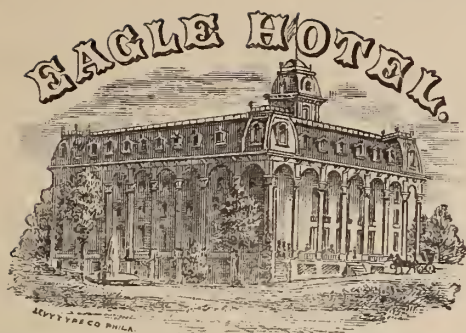
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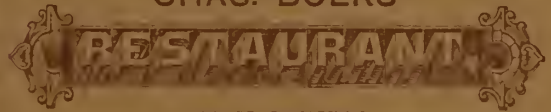
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